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**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. §132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

<i>JKW</i>	<i>RCE</i>
Application Number	09/904,786
Filing Date	July 12, 2001
First Named Inventor	Ashkenazi, et al.
Group Art Unit	1646
Examiner Name	Andres, Janet L.
Attorney Docket Number	39780-1618P2C47

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. s 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1.	Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114.
a.	<input type="checkbox"/> Previously submitted <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. <input type="checkbox"/> Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on <i>(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)</i> ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Other
b.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enclosed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preliminary Amendment/Response ii. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) — Declaration of Sherman Fong, Ph.D. with CV iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) 09/03/2004 WABDELR1 00000076 081641 09904786 iv. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other — Exhibits A-E 01 FC:1801 770.00 DA 02 FC:1251 110.00 DA
2.	Miscellaneous
a.	<input type="checkbox"/> Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
b.	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
3.	Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 08-1641 (Docket No. 39780-1618P2C47) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) (RCE fee = \$770.00) ii. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) (1-month EOT = \$110.00) iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Other b. <input type="checkbox"/> Check in the amount of \$ enclosed c. <input type="checkbox"/> Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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Applicant: Ashkenazi et al. Docket No.: 39780-1618P2C47
Serial No.: 09/904,786 Group Art Unit: 1646
Filing Date: July 12, 2001 Examiner: Andres, Janet L.
For: **SECRETED AND TRANSMEMBRANE POLYPEPTIDES AND
NUCLEIC ACIDS ENCODING THE SAME**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

MS: RCE
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Dear Sir:

A Final Office Action was mailed on April 28, 2004 in the above identified application. This Preliminary amendment accompanies a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and is timely filed with a Petition for extension of time for one month with necessary fees. Also attached herewith is a Declaration by Sherman Fong, Ph.D. with five exhibits: (1) Current Protocols in Immunology, Vol. I, Unit 3.12 by Richard Coico, (2) an article by Ralph Steinman, (3) an article by Gubler et al., (4) an article by Peterson et al., and (5) an article by Thurner et al. Please enter the following amendments, and consider the following arguments.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.